MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

M. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether there were applications for the purpose in the interval?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I do not remember.

MR. P C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): I have to make another submission to the Chair. In the light of the answers given, I am not able to put any more supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: What is the difficulty? The answers to parts (*b*), (*c*) (*d*) and (*e*) are in the negative.

P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): The Commissioner has claimed notice in respect of all the supplementary questions I have put. So I am not in a position to proceed further.

Alwaye-Munnar bus service.

145. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses that are now permitted to be run between Alwaye and Munnar;

(*b*) the dates from which each of the buses above referred to was permitted to be run;

(*c*) whether any person had applied for permission to run his buses between Alwaye and Munnar before the owners of any of the buses that are now permitted to be run applied for the same; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for rejecting the prior applications and granting the subsequent ones?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) (i) 31-10-1934.

(ii) 12-3-1936.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

Royalty on Minerals.

146. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate at which royalty is fixed for the different minerals in the State;

(*b*) whether the rate is uniform for all the Companies;

(*c*) how that rate is fixed; and

(*d*) whether the Companies working at minerals have to pay any other dues to the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A *statement showing the rates at which royalty is fixed for the different minerals in the State is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The royalty is fixed with reference to the selling price of the mineral sand.

(*d*) No.

**Vide* Appendix II.

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